

Effect of some nutrients on garlic plants

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well as bulbs yield were obtained when N and P was included in the growth media at the first period comparing with later one. On the other hand, minimum effects were resulted in the case of Fe or micronutrient treatments. (3) The absence of N, P, Fe or micro-nutrients at any stage of garlic plant growth decline both N concentration and total content in different plant organs specially for bulb. The most depressive occurred when N itself was absent during all periods or at the first period only. P and Fe or micro-nutrients followed N in this respect. The application of P during the first period of plant growth is very important for normal N proportion distribution in garlic plant organs, while the absence of Fe or micro-nutrients during any stage troubled the accumulation proportion of N in roots and sometimes leaves. The same results were obtained on the effect of tested nutrients for the concentration, total content and percentage distribution of phosphorus in different garlic plant parts. (4) The omission of other tested nutrients. The absence of P and N appears to have the greatest effect on K accumulation reduction in different plant parts than the other tested nutrients. (5) The absence of tested nutrients stimulated Ca concentration in roots and leaves, Fe or micro-nutrients absence during the second period of plant growth enhanced the accumulation of Fe in leaves as well as bulbs, but decreased it in roots, N or P seemed to have more effect in reducing the proportion accumulation of Ca in leaves and roots when these elements were absent at any period of garlic plant growth. (6) The complete absence of P or Fe and micro-nutrients reduced both the concentration and accumulation of Mg in garlic plant organs, while N have the same results when its absence occurred during the second period only. The absence of any of tested nutrients during the various periods disturb the proportion accumulation of Mg in garlic plant parts. (7) Absence of N during the first period and P or Fe during all periods reduced the concentration of Fe in different garlic plant parts. Total accumulation of Fe affected by the absence of any nutrients during the periods, the most depressive effects I when N was absent followed by P and Fe or micro-nutrients. The reduction in Fe proportion in leaves was observed when N was absent during the second period, while all absence stimulated higher Fe proportion in bulb at the end of plant ~. (8) Absence of N or P during first period or completely absence decreased Mn concentration, total accumulation and percentage distribution in different garlic plant parts. While the same effects were shown when micronutrients absent during bulb development stage. (9) The absence of N, P, or micro-nutrients at early stage of growth or throughout the whole experiment depressed greatly the concentration of Zn in different garlic plant parts, specially for the absence of N or P on leaves concentration. The absence of Fe at any period increased Zn concentration on roots as well as leaves at the end of bulb development stage while that of bulb decreased. All tested nutrients declined the total accumulation of Zn in different plant parts when these elements were absent during the first period of garlic plant stage, except for the complete absence of N, which increased Zn proportion in bulbs. (10) The concentration of Cu or the total accumulation in various garlic plant parts nearly to have the same to that of Mo, when N was absent during the second period of growth a reduction in Cu proportion in leaves was observed while an increase in bulb was occurred. The absence of Fe or micro-nutrients during any stage of growth reduced proportion accumulation of Cu in roots and bulbs while that of leaves increased. (11) The absence of N, P, Fe or micro-nutrients during any period of growth specially the first period depressed greatly the concentration and total amounts of reducing and non-reducing sugars in different garlic plant parts. The most depressive effect was p-~ with the absence of N followed by P and Fe or micronutrients came the latter. (12) The bulbs possessed the

highest of variable protein fractions during different period at growth. Water protein fraction was the highest one in different plant parts followed by the salt soluble, residual nonsoluble, alcohol soluble, and alkaline buffer soluble was the less one. The absence of any tested nutrients during the first period of growth or the complete absence caused a depressive effect on total protein fraction content specially in bulb by N or P absence seemed to have the greatly effect, followed by Fe or micro-nutrients which affected slightly in this respect.